

Overview

City of San Diego's current policy on Certified Farmers' Markets is to be in line with County Public Health Orders, California Department of Public Health guidelines, and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. *It is the responsibility of the Host Organization to be aware of additional guidelines as they are issued.*

Previous guidance has been issued by the County Department of Health and California Public Department of Health and are still applicable. However, due to the challenges of adherence to social distancing and the constantly evolving situation, the City is requiring additional modifications to these guidelines.

The Host Organization **MUST** submit a plan addressing all guidelines for approval to the Special Events and Filming Department and the San Diego Police Department Special Events Division for the review process to start a **minimum of 7 business days** prior to a Market *reopening*.

Please note that this policy direction is current as 5/12/2021, but may change subject to our continuing adoption of public health guidance to ensure measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 are followed. Deviations from proposed plans, perceived risk to public health and to our public safety resources will result in suspension of Markets.

GUIDELINES:

Safe Reopening Plans: As noted in the Special Events Permitting Application, any applicable plans must be completed, filled out and uploaded with your application. Links for reference: [SAFE REOPENING PLAN](#) and [FOOD/BEVERAGE PROVIDERS](#)

Please refer to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for guidance on face coverings. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

Sanitation and Hygiene Plans: Please include a cleaning, disinfection and sanitization plan for your event in accordance with the CDC guidelines. Your staff must be trained to implement appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols and provided with necessary equipment and supplies, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If vendors are responsible for individual sanitation and cleaning protocols, documentation must be obtained that vendors agree to cleaning and

disinfecting protocols as well as providing their staff with necessary equipment and supplies, including PPE.

Please include protocols for restrooms, seating areas and other public areas if applicable in your safe reopening plan.

Please note on your site map how many hand sanitizing stations or washing stations will be available and locations throughout the venue, both for public and vendor/employee use. Hand sanitizer products must be in compliance with CDC guidelines for virus prevention including having either an ethanol or ethyl alcohol content rate of 60 percent or greater.

In the event an individual is discovered to be either symptomatic or has tested positive with the COVID-19 virus, enhanced sanitation procedures will be implemented as quickly as possible. Please provide a detailed plan on this procedure.

Customer Metering/Capacity: The order prohibiting social gatherings does not apply to Farmers' Markets as they are an essential service, but there must be more than enough space for social distancing within the venue due to fluid movement. In keeping with the County standard, the distance of 36 square feet will be utilized when the entity / organizer can clearly manage entrance and exits and maintain a set number of patrons in the perimeter order to maintain at least 6 feet of separation from each other.

Please note that if there are stricter limits or restrictions per specific industries or approved activities from State and County Public Health Orders, they will supersede these guidelines.

1. The City is requiring the following:
 - a. Capacity of customers within defined area for social distancing requirements. **A capacity for event attendees per enclosed city block will be proposed by utilizing 36 square feet of the available space per attendee.** Capacity may be smaller pending review of submitted plan and on-site adjustments during the event by City of San Diego Special Events and Public Safety personnel.
 - i. Please provide proposed capacity with the available square footage minus equipment/booth space in your plan.
 - b. Blocks do not have to be separated and can be continuous.

- c. Metering must occur to maintain cap to maintain social distancing. Queue's cannot block sidewalk access or traffic or create impacts to general pedestrian access.
- d. Plan must be provided on where customers will be directed to if number of customers exceed number of marks in queue line.
- e. Markers for queue must be on the ground to show 6 feet distance.

Market Set-Up:

- 1) Multiple entrances and exits are permitted and can be adjacent if space permits and if there is an effective method to communicate and track attendance.
- 2) Customers can handle produce or goods if there is sanitizer available at the booth for the customer. If not, suggest that vendor handle produce or goods.
 - a. Tents must be a minimum of 6 feet apart and offset from each other if they are on opposing sides of same street.
 - b. Market rules and county regulations should be posted at all entrances and throughout the venue.
 - c. Markers for tent queues must be on the ground to show 6 feet distance.
- 3) Provide updated map with street length and note 6 feet distances, sanitation stations, etc.

Vendors and Products:

- 1) There are no limitations to vendors or products sold if they adhere to market set up requirements. Interactive services are not permitted. Live entertainment or activities that encourage public gatherings are not permitted.
- 2) No food consumption on site unless in a designated food area. Adherence to the [Safe Dining](#) protocols required. Prepared food can be provided via take out or to go orders.

Monitors:

- 1) Monitors should be placed at the entrance/exits throughout the market and a runner or communication process to ensure cap is maintained.
 - a. Entrance monitor to provide verbal instructions to customers and to limit how many people enter.
 - b. Exit monitors to count how many people leave and ensure no one enters.
 - c. Communication between staffed entries and exits to monitor cap.
 - d. Monitors throughout market to ensure social distancing.

Outreach Plan:

If a Farmer's Market typically requires vehicles to be towed due to use of parking spaces, the Market must submit an **outreach plan** that will adequately notify residents that Markets will be reinstated as of (effective date) and vehicles will be towed. Outreach Plan must include additional **temporary** signage for no-park notification **three days in advance**. Existing permanent signage must be covered with current status of market operating hours.

Markets will not need to cover existing signs if current marketing hours match the permanent signage hours. In addition, no-parks will not be necessary after market has been in operation consistently and upon approval by Police Department.